

# All On Stage For Softball Finale.

## Midland's Blue Streak Team Gets Into Playoffs Too, Meets Legion

Midland Rubber brings home all the bacon this year. Not only their Class "A" team, but also their Blue Streak softball team will engage in the city playoffs tonight. The Midland Blue Streakers won the right to face the powerful American Legion Slo-Pitch winners by topping Columbia Steel, the first round Blue Streak winner.

The American Legion team, overall champs of the Service Club Slo-Pitch League, will vie with Midland in a 7 p.m. preliminary game tonight at Torrance Park, prior to the Class "A" vs. "B" champs. Midland Rubber and Home Loan Realty game.

The "A" and "B" winners start the first of a three game series tonight, and the Blue Streak and Slo-Pitch champs will play prelims before each game, until a winner emerges. The second game of the series will be tomorrow night, and a third game, if necessary, will be played Monday.

In the Monday night game Midland pitcher John Beggarly turned back the tide in inning after inning and his teammates scored six runs in the big third stanza and one more in the fourth and fifth frames for the 8-1 win in the first series game. In the third inning rally, Dale Bristow contributed a home run and Joe Tymchak and John Hart chipped doubles.

Tuesday night Midland clinched the championship with Beggarly firing a tight five hitter to whitewash the Steelers 10-0. The game went scoreless until the last frame when Midland

broke the ice, with a run, on Vern Roth's double which sent Dale Bristow, on an error to third from whence he scored on Hal Tryon's single. J. B. Wallace pitched a strong game for Columbia, allowing five hits, two in the last inning. Beggarly did not allow a Steeler to get farther than second base all night, and, if his arm holds out until tonight, he should give the American Legion squad some trouble.

## Little League Dads Close Year With 'Ball Game'

Everybody got into the act at the Little League All-Star vs. Cardinals game Sunday in which the two small teams locked horns in an 11-inning marathon which the All-Stars finally won 4-0 after 10 scoreless innings.

The Little Leaguers' fathers opened the second act of the show with a hilarious three-inning "baseball game," replete with rhubarbs. The men used their sons' special-sized bats and balls, and wore their protective batting helmets.

The Little Leaguers themselves coached, managed and umpired the game between their fathers and made it a rule that every ball over the fence was out since the fence is so close to home plate.

A benefit dance will be held

## Home Loan vs. Midland Rubber for Herald Trophy



## Herald Perpetual Trophy on Block As Midland and Home Loan Collide

All classes, sizes and shapes of softball and softball players are due to scar the greensward at ancient Torrance Park tonight, in a grand finale to the 1953 softball season.

Behemoths Midland Rubber and Home Loan Realty, respective champions of the "A" and "B" leagues, will clash at 8:30 in the first of a three-game championship series to decide which team will cart home the coveted Herald Perpetual trophy, given each year to the mightiest softball aggregation in the city. The American Legion, winner of the Slo-Pitch title, will meet the Blue Streak League champs in a preliminary game, beginning at 7 p.m., also the first of a three-game series for junior softball laurels.

## Trophies To Be Awarded Between Games Tonight

League trophies will be presented to the "A" and "B" champions tonight following the American Legion vs. Blue Streak championship game, according to Red Moon, director of athletics. A trophy will be given to each team sponsor and individual trophies will be awarded to each team member, Moon said. "A" champ Midland Rubber and "B" champ Home Loan Realty will open a three-game all over championship following the presentations.

The second of the three game series will be played on Friday evening, and a third, if necessary, on Monday night.

Luckily for the Realtors, Hazelwood chose this precise moment to blow up. He walked Ernie Hobbs and Dick Turner, and Willie Sims, singled, scoring Hobbs and sending Turner to third. That tied the game up. Al Ferrer then hit one on the ground and was put out, but Turner scored to break the tie and Striesel raced to third, from whence he later scored when Mae Jarratt and Ralph George both drew free passes, forcing in a run.

Ferra then whiffed Chuck Ford and Willie Sims, and made Dick De Armitt fly out to end the game.

The Home Loan team will have to show a lot of power tonight to take the Midland boys, who just came through a rugged Class "A" season, bloody but unbowed. On the other hand, overconfidence by the "A" champs could cause their downfall. Taken from here to there, it should be quite a series.

## Sears To Lead El Camino Alums In Football Game

Jim Sears, former All-American grid great from the University of Southern California, will lead other former El Camino football stars in the annual Alumni-Varsity football classic

September 19, which will kick off the 1953 gridiron season. It will be a tough test for the defending Metropolitan Conference champions of El Camino coached by Norman Verry. Torrance's initial tilt may prove to be the highest hurdle they must cross to repeat last year's

undefeated season. Final plans for the contest when alumni, varsity, and faculty representatives meet at the college. Ken Barton, All-Conference tackle in 1951 from Manhattan Beach, is official organizer. The alumni eleven. Armstrong, Schindler, Warrior backfield

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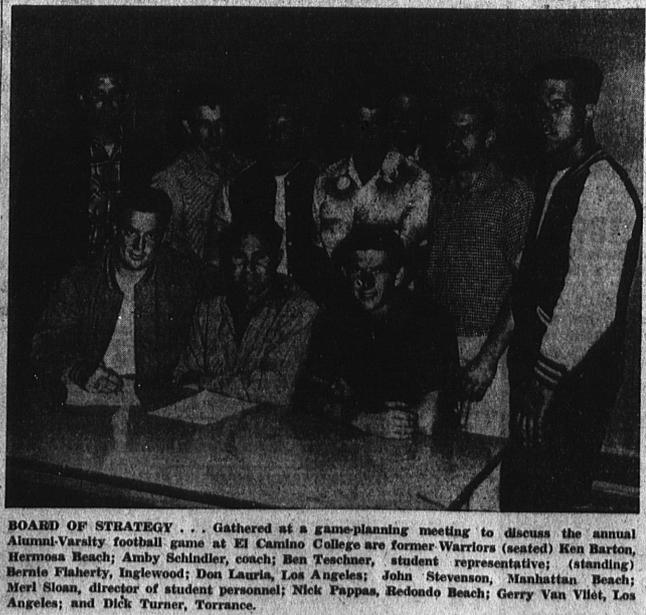
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